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SOVIET SATELLITE TRANSPORTATION GAINS

GDR GETS REFRIGERATOR TRUCKS -- Schwerin, Landes-Zeitung, 19 Jun 51

On 18 June 1951, the management of the HO (Trade Organization) in Schwerin accepted delivery of the first three refrigerator trucks equipped for transport of foodstuffs. The trucks were built by the Diesel-Horch Works in Zwickau. They are destined for the Usedom, Bergen, and Rostock districts and will be used primarily to supply Baltic Sea resorts.

Eight more 12-ton units of the Phaenomen type will follow shortly and will also be operated in the Baltic Sea area.

INSTALL SIGNAL TELEPHONES -- Berlin, Mitteilungsblatt der Deutschen Reichsbahn, Vol II, No 15, 26 Nov 51

In the area of the Reichsbahn Directorate Magdeburg, a number of home signals located on the approach tracks to certain stations have been equipped with signal telephones. This innovation facilitates communication between assistant station masters, and crews of approaching trains.

RESTRICT USE OF METALS FOR CAR SEALS -- Berlin, Mitteilungsblatt der Deutschen Reichsbahn, Vol II, No 15, 26 Nov 51

A directive issued by the Directorate General of the Reichsbahn to all Reichsbahn directorates, dated 23 October 1951, ordered the exclusive use of plastic seals in domestic transportation. Lead and aluminum seals are to be stocked and used only for sealing export shipments and shipments governed by order_No 60 possibly reparations shipments or shipments for the occupation power7.

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BERLIN ABOVE-NORM FREIGHT TRAINS -- Berlin, Tribuene, 14 - 17 Dec 51

In November 1951, the activists of the operational and locomotive service of the Reichsbahn Directorate Berlin operated 1,669 above-norm freight trains carrying an above-norm weight of 534,512 tons. The average load per train amounted to 34 percent above the norm, the average distance per train was 93 kilometers, and total savings on coal amounted to 1,452 tons.

The Wustermark engine terminal topped all other RBD Berlin terminals, having run 298 above-norm freight trains. Second and third were the Pankow terminal with 191 and the Brandenburg terminal with 180 above-norm fleight

BULGARIA FREIGHT NORMS SURPASSED -- Sofia, Otechestven Front, 4 Jan 52

During the fourth quarter of 1951, 2,719 freight trains carried 656,488 tons of freight above the norm. This surpassed the above-norm achievements for the third quarter of 1951 by 107 above-norm freigh, trains and 147,455 above norm tons of freight. During the fourth quarter, 887 freight trains with 184,962 tons from the Plovdiv depot, and 435 with 110,980 tons from the Stalin depot.

BUIGARIAN HIGHWAY COMPLETED -- Sofia, Rabotnichesko Delo, 26 Nov 51

Kula, 25 November -- Tro new Lom-Vidin-Kula highway was completed on 25 November 1951.

COMPLETE BULGARIAN RAILROAD SECTION -- Sofia, Rabotnichesko Delo, 27 Dec 51

Anton, Pirdop Okoliya, 26 December -- The Dolno Kamartsi-Klisura section of the Podbalkanska (Lower Balkans) railroad line was completed today.

REBUILD POLISH BRIDGE -- Berlin, Der Verk(' ', Vol VI, No 1, Jan 52

Toward the end of August 1951, the bridge across the Wisla River at Grudziadz, one of the largest bridges destroyed during World War II, was again opened to traffic. The bridge was rebuilt in the record time of 14 months.

ALBANIAN RAILROAD PROGRESS -- Berlin, Der Verkehr, Vol VI, No 1, Jan 52

During the last few years, a new 122-kilometer railroad line has been built. The volume of railroad freight and passenger traffic in 1951 was four times as high as in 1938. The volume of motor and ocean traffic in 1951 increased 11 times for freight and 13 times for passengers, as compared with 1938. Railroad and bus rolling stock was increased considerably.

CZECHS TRANSPORT HUGE TURBINE SHAFTS -- Berlin, Der Verkehr, Vol VI, No 1, Jan 52

In September 1951, the transportation department of the Electro-Assembly Mational Enterprise, in cooperation with the Motor-Transport National Enterprise, moved three turbine intake shafts from Blansko, where they had been constructed, to Slapy on the Vltava River. Each of these shafts has a diameter

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of 5 meters and weighs 34 tons. Special 16-wheel trucks drawn by 250-horse-power tractors were used. This was the first time that a shipment of this size had been moved a distance of more than 300 kilometers in Europe. Despite unforeseet difficulties such as low-hanging electric lines, overhead cables, and dense tree foliage, the shipment arrived on time and in good condition.

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